

## 10 ATTACHMENT 7 – Disadvantaged Community Assistance

*This attachment is required only if the proposal includes a project that specifically addresses a direct water-related need of a DAC. DWR will use the information in Attachment 7 to evaluate the application with regard to DAC program preference and waiver of funding match (if requested). The information contained in Attachment 7 will be used by DWR reviewers to score question #12 contained in Table 10.*

Within the IRWMG boundary for the Kaweah River Basin (Kaweah Group) there are numerous Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and that is why the Kaweah Group identified serving DACs as one of seventeen plan objectives. To help alleviate issues such as water quality and reliability facing DACs within the region, the Kaweah Group included the County of Tulare's Well Abandonment Project (Project) for this round of IRWM funding.

A comparison of median household income data obtained from the American Community Survey (ACS) for State of California and the Tulare County the revealed that the County (MHI \$42,708), as a whole, would qualify for DAC status. Also, most of the water supply for residents comes from groundwater, which has seen growing concern over quality and increases in dependency as a source of supply during the on-going drought. The goal of the Project is help protect groundwater quality and increase water supply reliability for those that would be unable to receive these benefits on their own. See the enclosed table and map for additional MHI information about the disadvantaged communities and residents receiving aid within the region.

### 10.1.1 Documentation of the Presence and Needs of DACs

*DWR strongly recommends applicants consult the 2015 IRWM Guidelines, Appendix G, to determine if the project area includes a DAC using the most recent MHI data available. Applicants should ensure description of a DAC is adequate for DWR to determine whether the communities meet the definitions.*

- *Include information that supports the determination of DACs in the region, such as a map or shape file showing the project service area is congruent with a DAC as shown using MHI data.*
- *Where the lack of representative census data that adequately represents the community can be documented, income surveys may be substituted.*
- *In determining the MHI for DACs, applicants may use a single type of census geography or combinations of census geographies that best represent the DAC.*
- *For applicants with GIS capability, GIS data files used within the DAC mapping tool are available to download and use (Appendix A of 2015 IRWM Guidelines). These files will allow applicants to combine project area shapefiles with DAC data layers and help show extent of the overlap of project areas with DACs*
- *For regional construction projects that include a DAC within a larger project area, provide a description of how DACs have been involved and engaged in the development and preparation of the project. Please also describe the proportion of project benefits to the DAC within the larger project area, based on either population or geography. This will help determine if a funding match waiver or reduction in funding match can be provided for the entire project.*

The County of Tulare (County) is requesting a waiver of the funding match for the Well Abandonment Project, as the project is being implemented on behalf of DACs in the Kaweah Region. Many of these communities have seen significant impacts from a water quality standpoint and recently, due to the current drought, from a water supply standpoint. Both instances have led to wells being abandoned and unused in

and around these communities, creating a two-fold problem. The first is the abandoned wells can now act as potential conduits for contamination to reach groundwater, which exacerbates the groundwater quality issue. The second is these wells that once served as a water supply can longer provide for the communities and residents they once served. And with many of these wells in or near DACs, the residents cannot afford to pay for a system hook-up or new well.

The Well Abandonment Project plays a vital role in protecting groundwater quality for the entire Kaweah Region and also for increasing the water supply reliability for Kaweah DACs. Properly abandoning the wells will eliminate the number of potential conduits that can cause groundwater contamination. Additionally, with wells properly abandoned, these DACs can now qualify for connecting to a water supply system, which will provide a more reliable water supply for years to come. **Table 10-1** lists some of the DACs within the Kaweah Region. Those in bold will receive benefit from this Proposal. **Figure 10-1** is included to show the relation of DACs to the proposed projects.

**Table 10-1: Kaweah River Basin IRWM Region DACs**

DAC	MHI	Source <sup>1</sup>
<b>Cameron Creek Colony</b>	<b>\$46,078</b>	<b>2013 ACS CT 14, BG 1</b>
Farmersville	\$32,384	2013 ACS City
<b>Goshen</b>	<b>\$41,583</b>	<b>2013 ACS CDP</b>
Ivanhoe	\$29,688	2013 ACS CDP
Lemon Cove	\$31,250	2013 ACS CDP
Lindsay	\$31,425	2013 ACS CDP
Matheny Tract	\$31,154	2013 ACS CDP
<b>Okieville</b>	<b>\$41,250</b>	<b>2013 ACS CT 21, BG 1</b>
<b>Patterson Tract</b>	<b>\$34,594</b>	<b>2013 ACS CDP</b>
Plainview	\$20,417	2013 ACS CDP
Tooleville	\$29,352	2013 ACS CDP
<b>Tract 92</b>	<b>\$25,645</b>	<b>2013 CDPH Financial Determination<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Tulare</b>	<b>\$45,485</b>	<b>2013 ACS City</b>
Waukena	\$27,386	2013 ACS CDP
West Goshen	\$13,932	2013 ACS CDP
Woodlake	\$35,805	2013 ACS City
<b>Statewide Statistics</b>		
CA State MHI	\$61,094	
CA State 80% of MHI	\$48,875	

Notes:

1: CT = Census Tract, BG = Block Group, and CDP = Census Designated Place.

2: Tract 92 is in Census Tract 16.02, Block Group 4 in the ACS 2009 – 2013 data. It was previously in Block Group 2. Block Group 2 is disadvantaged while Block Group 4 is not. However, a CDPH financial determination from 2013 shows Tract 92 is indeed a DAC. The determination is included in **Attachment 7 – Appendix A**.

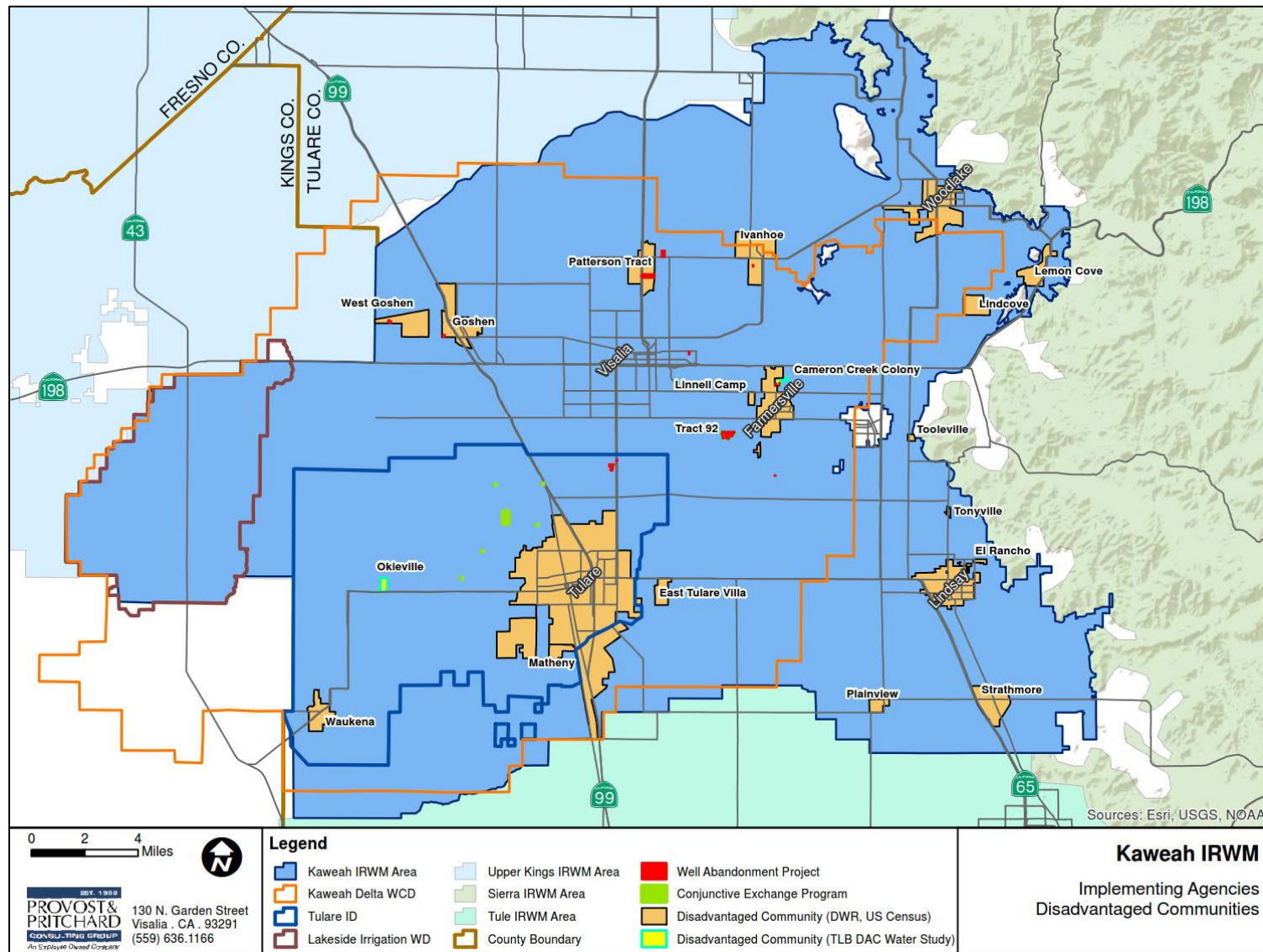


Figure 10-1: Kaweah IRWM Disadvantaged Communities

**ATTACHMENT 7 – DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY  
ASSISTANCE**

**APPENDIX A**

**CDPH Financial Determination – Tract 92**



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May 30, 2013

Monroe Self, President  
Tract 92 Community Services District  
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Dear Mr. Self:

**PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL DETERMINATION UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER  
STATE REVOLVING FUND APPLICATION FOR TRACT 92 COMMUNITY SERVICES  
DISTRICT, PROJECT #5400903-002P.**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) received your application for funding pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) program. A preliminary financial determination has been made based on the following information:

- Median House Hold Income: \$25,645
- Current Average Residential Water Rate: \$22.51
- Number of Service Connections: 91
- Type of Loan: Planning
- Total Project Cost: \$275,000
- Estimated water rate increase needed: \$9.55 per service connection per month

The financial review has indicated that your water system may be eligible to receive SDWSRF funding as follows:

- Loan Principal Forgiveness amount of \$197,860
- Loan Amount of \$57,140
- Supplier Cost of \$20,000
- Term of loan: 5 years
- Interest Rate: 0%

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If you would like CDPH to continue processing your application for this loan please provide the items listed below in writing and submit to our office by no later than January 10, 2013:

- Prop 218 documentation (copy of the notice sent to voters, meeting minutes, vote results, etc), or a Legal opinion explaining why the Prop218 process is not required
- Board resolution adopting the rate increase
- Documentation of the Community Development Block Grant to cover the Supplier Cost of \$20,000

Please submit your written response and any pertinent documentation to:

Sandra Valverde, Fiscal Services Unit  
California Department of Public Health  
DDWEM - Safe Drinking Water SRF Program  
1616 Capitol Avenue, MS 7418  
P.O. Box 997377, Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Valverde at [sandra.valverde@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:sandra.valverde@cdph.ca.gov) or (916) 449-5627.

Sincerely,



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